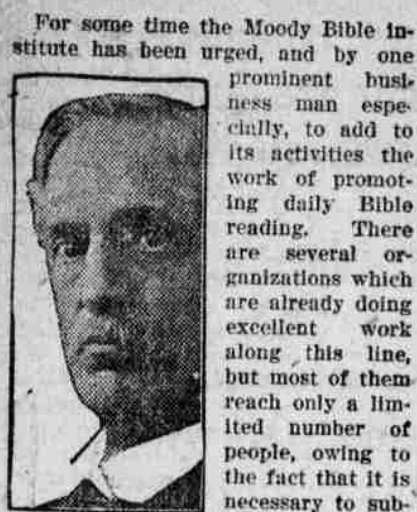


Listening to God Daily

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TEXT—O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of Jehovah.—Jer. 22:29.



For some time the Moody Bible Institute has been urged, and by one prominent business man especially, to add to its activities the work of promoting daily Bible reading. There are several organizations which are already doing excellent work along this line, but most of them reach only a limited number of people, owing to the fact that it is necessary to subscribe to a magazine in order to secure the comments for the lesson of the day. For this reason, and for the further reason that in spite of all that is being done, there yet remains a large number of professing Christians who are doing no systematic reading of the Bible, and millions of others who almost ignore the Book, the Institute has felt led to open up a campaign for the promotion of daily Bible reading, and we invite the readers of this column to join with us in this effort and to share in its benefits.

How to induce them to do what they already admit is their duty, is the problem before us, as it is before every pastor and church leader. To send them is worse than useless.

Questions to Consider.

Question—Can you give any reason why 20,000,000 church members, with opportunity from week to week to listen to sermons and admonitions from nearly 200,000 pastors, do not more closely follow Jesus and more fully represent him to and in the world?

Answer—Yes. The words of the preacher fall on hearts full of the cares and pleasures of this life, and in soil unprepared by the indwelling of the Spirit and the water of the Word.

Question—Without increasing churches or pastors, how could their efficiency be multiplied one hundred fold?

Answer—By a proper preparation of the heart to hear the messages proclaimed by the ministers of God.

Question—How can this preparation be brought about, without any more institutions, organizations or expenditure of money?

Answer—If all church officers would, with the pastors, insist upon daily worship and daily Bible readings in the homes of all the Christians in the land, themselves becoming examples and inspirers therein, God would answer the effort and service with such a blessing to his church as the world has never known. The people would be more godly, and the world would have preached to them the greatest sermon of these nineteen centuries.

And now, pastors, will you help us, and will you let us help you? We do not claim to have any special light or wisdom on this matter, and we would not presume to teach you, we have long and prayerfully pondered this problem. But we have a vision of a widespread and appalling need, a mighty famine of the Word of God; and we believe that a wise and persistent campaign to promote daily Bible reading is greatly needed. By a campaign such as you and we can carry on, together with multitudes of laymen who will gladly co-operate, and scores of religious papers which we hope to enlist in the same work, believe that thousands of church members can be induced to read the Bible more regularly than they are now doing.

We know there is power in the Word, almighty power, power sufficient for every need. And we believe that with your co-operation we can let loose some of that power, and make these columns a blessing to multitudes of hungry hearts and homes.

Now, will you join hands with us in this great campaign? Will you preach on the theme of daily Bible reading, and stir up your people on the subject? Will you tell us of any plans which you have found helpful in arousing an interest in the Bible? And will you pray for us, as we do daily for you?

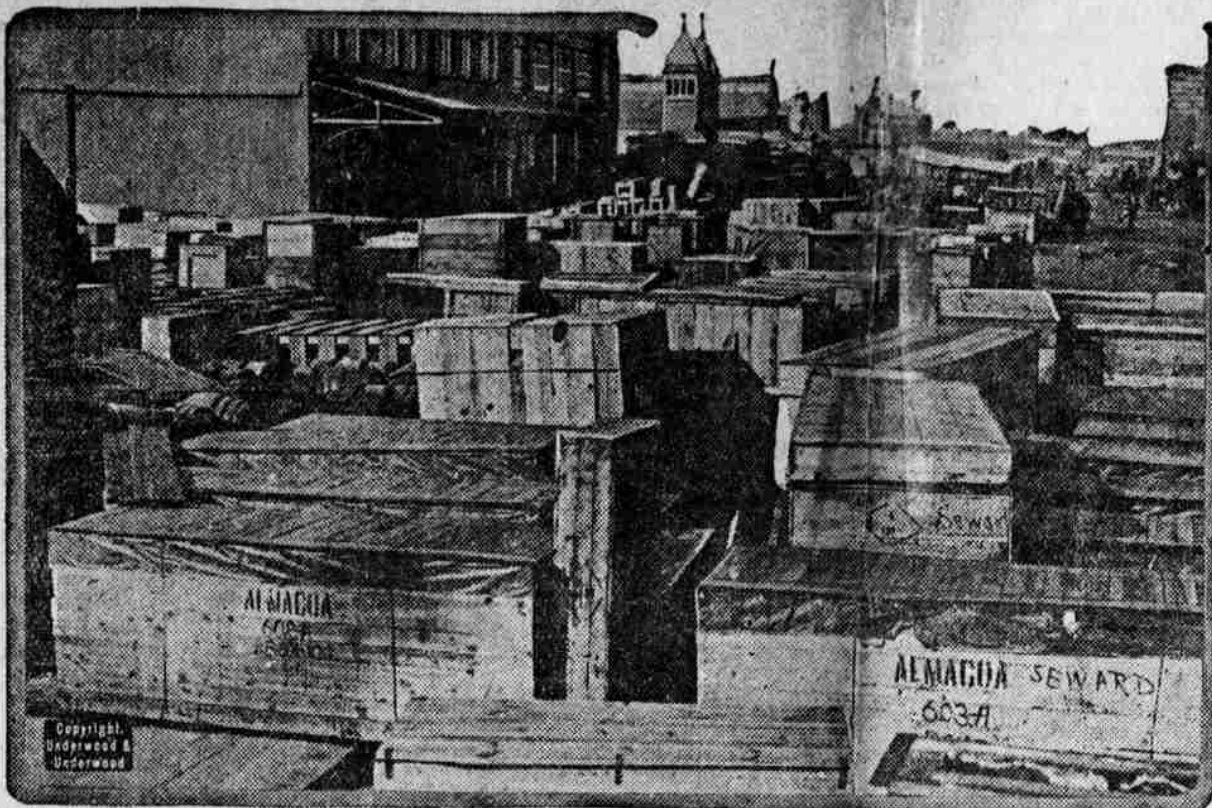
To Lay Workers.

You too can help us by calling the attention of your pastor to this column, by asking him to preach on the subject of daily Bible reading, and by sending us any helpful plans or illustrations which bear upon this subject. Above all you can pray that God will give us wisdom and grace sufficient to carry this great campaign to a successful issue. Will you do it?

To all Readers.

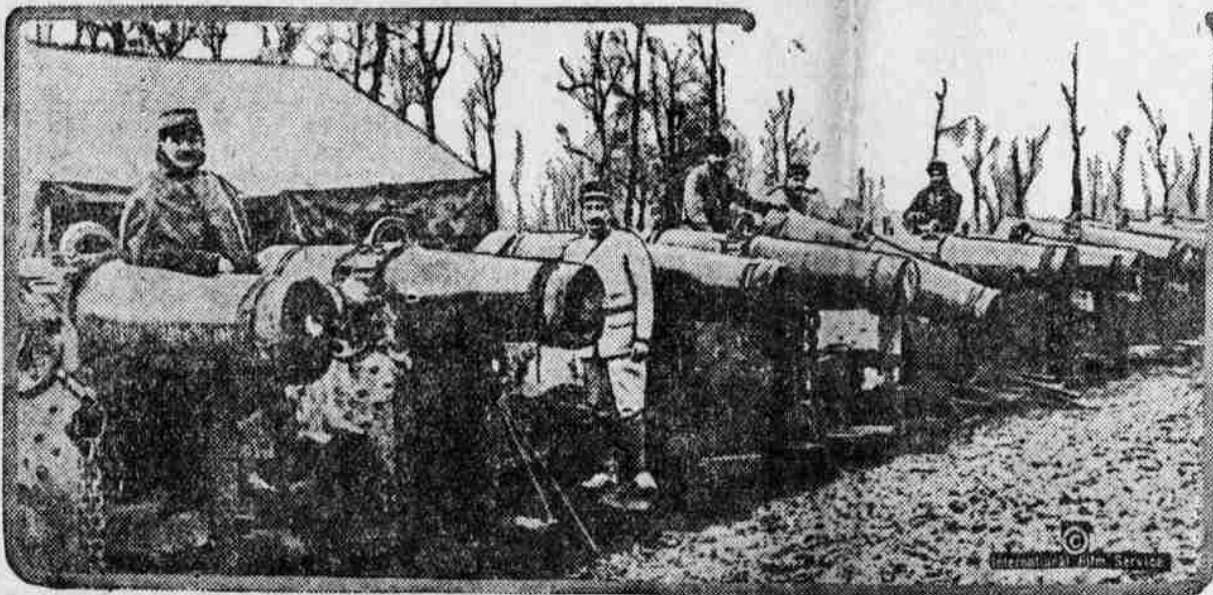
Next month we purpose to describe a plan by which one pastor was able to interest his people, young and old, in Bible reading, in an unusual way, and by which his own ministry was completely transformed, and his usefulness was greatly increased. It is a plan which we believe all pastors will find easy to work, though not without work, and unspokeably helpful to themselves. Watch for it next month.

RESULT OF TIE-UP OF AMERICAN SHIPPING



Boxes of machinery lying at Twenty-fourth street and the Hudson river, New York, awaiting shipment to Spain. This illustrates a condition that it is believed will be relieved by the president's action in arming American merchant vessels.

HEAVY GUNS READY FOR THE SPRING DRIVE



A French official photograph showing the reserves of guns ready in the artillery parks on the western front for spring operations.

FAMOUS TURKISH CITY TAKEN BY BRITISH SENATOR FROM NEW MEXICO



Scene in Baghdad, the famous old capital of the caliphs, which was captured by the British under General Maude.

FOUR POWERFUL INDEPENDENTS



These four members of the new congress, together with Representative-elect A. T. Fuller of Massachusetts, hold the balance of power in the new house. Left to right, they are: W. P. Martin, Louisiana, Progressive; Meyer London, New York, Socialist; C. H. Randall, California, Prohibitionist, and Thomas D. Schall, Minnesota, Progressive.



Senator Andronicus Aristion Jones of New Mexico, Democrat, who succeeded Thomas B. Catron, Republican. He was born in Tennessee and is a successful lawyer and banker. Since 1913 he has been assistant secretary of the Interior.

ANOTHER MORMON SENATOR



Senator William H. King of Salt Lake City, Utah, Democrat, who succeeded Senator George Sutherland, Republican. Senator King is a Mormon as is Senator Smoot.

PRISON FOR COAL MEN

THE SPECIAL SENATE COMMITTEE FINDS NECESSITY FOR RIGID LEGISLATION.

Railroad Commissioners and County Grand Juries Will Be Given Inquisitorial Authority to Delve Into Manipulations of Firms and Corporations.

Nashville.—As a result of the hearing before the special committee from the senate to investigate the high prices of coal and other commodities, it was announced by Chairman Albert H. Hill that the committee would draft suitable measures to present to the legislature to handle such situations as now confront the people of Tennessee should they arise again.

Chairman Hill announced that the committee with the assistance of Attorney-General Frank M. Thompson, the Tennessee railroad commission and the attorneys-general of the state would draft bills extending the power of the railroad commission to investigate such situations and report their findings to grand juries and attorneys-general when they found sufficient cause to give suitable appropriations to the commission in such cases.

They will also give grand juries inquisitorial powers to act in all such cases so that corporations and firms as well as individuals may be summoned to appear and when convictions are secured it will be made mandatory for the judge to sentence violators to prison as well as to fine them.

Lease System Is Abolished.

The house has killed the convict lease system which has been in vogue in Tennessee for a number of years. The bill which eliminated the system was championed by Mr. Cameron in the lower branch, and has had a rocky road, since being in the hands of the committee to which it was referred after passage on second reading.

The majority of the committee recommended the bill for rejection, but a minority report was filed in the house by the other members of the committee, and sentiment in favor of the bill was considerably stimulated thereby. Mr. Cameron, the author of the measure, worked incessantly for his measure, and when it was called up made a plea for its passage. The equity of the measure and the humanitarian motives prompting Mr. Cameron in drafting the bill were endorsed by the overwhelming majority of the final vote, which stood 85 to 5.

Patriotism Shown in Office.

If Tennessee's turn should come to go to the front against the Germans in defense of America, her soldiers, sick and wounded, would have opened to them at least two of the most palatial homes in the state—thanks to the patriotism of a woman.

Mrs. H. B. Duryea of Hickory Valley has written Gov. Rye proffering him, in the name of the state, her two handsome homes. She says she is going to France for the summer, and has left instructions with her manager to keep the homes ready for an emergency.

Gov. Rye has thanked Mrs. Duryea heartily and enthusiastically for her loyalty, her patriotism and her sacrificing spirit.

Can Only Sell Pure Seed in State.

The Tennessee "pure seed" law was upheld by the supreme court and arguments against its constitutionality were overruled. This law provides that all seed sold in this state in the market must stand a rigid inspection and that the seller must comply with rigid requirements of the state department of agriculture in order to guarantee that the seed offered for sale comes up to a stipulated standard of purity.

Prevents Heavy Hauling.

The new special road law for Sullivan county, whereby motor trucks carrying unusual loads are prohibited from using the turnpike roads, is now in effect, having been signed by Gov. Rye. The Sullivan county sheriff has notified the owners of heavy trucks of the new law and has warned them that arrests will be made in case of its violation.

Reception For Third Regiment.

The Third Tennessee regiment, Col. Cary Spence, commander, was formally mustered out of the federal service at Knoxville.

A public reception to men and officers was given at Staub's theater, where hundreds of friends and relatives of the "boys" gathered to do honor to their return.

Meeting of County Agents.

County agents in home demonstration work have received notice from Miss Virginia P. Moore, assistant director of the division of extension, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, calling their attention to a state meeting of agents to be held in Knoxville.

County Parole Bill Precipitates Fight.

The house indulged in a warm fight on the bill providing for a board of three members to constitute a county board of parole for each county in the state. These members were to be appointed by the governor, not more than two on each separate board to be of the same political faith of the chief executive. The republicans and democrats were divided on the measure, members of both parties claiming that it meant building up a political machine for some governor who may usurp too much power.

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Thing to Do.

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